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Muraco alum Alan He gives back to alma mater

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Muraco alum Alan He has donated a portion of his second place award in the Living Word Shanghai Scholarship competition to his alma mater. COURTESY PHOTO/JOANNA SHEA O'BRIEN

Winchester resident Alan He attended Muraco Elementary School and is now an 11th grader at Winchester High School.

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From 2021 to 2023, Alan, his parents Xinya He and Cuiru Zhu, and his sister Fiona lived in Shanghai, China. It was there Alan attended Living Word Shanghai School, excelling academically and earning several awards, including second place in the Living Word Shanghai Scholarship competition.

Now back in the U.S., Alan decided to donate a portion of his award to Muraco Elementary School.

“We live right next to Muraco,” said Alan’s father, Xinya. “I think that reminded him of his good memories from Muraco, and that influenced his decision to give back.”

Xinya also said Alan has a deep connection to both his American and Chinese cultures. With a desire to study finance in college, Alan would like to practice something meaningful for his community as well as make a difference in American-Chinese relations.

Alan credits his teachers and experience at Muraco with this conscientious mindset.

“I chose to give back money to Muraco as a token of gratitude because the teachers there played an important role in shaping my personality and nurturing my personal development throughout my primary education,” he said.

With Muraco’s commitment to develop lifelong learners who are kind, responsible, respectful and caring, Alan exemplifies this mission. Muraco will use this donation to support school enrichment programs.

Randi Stern is a Boston-based freelance writer with strong ties to the Winchester community.

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‘Chicago: Teen Edition’ dances onto the Winchester High School stage

By Talia Ho | Correspondent Fame. Fortune. And all that jazz. This spring, Winchester High School presents “Chicago: Teen Edition,” a bold musical that explores celebrity culture, media manipulation, and the cost of ambition. This iconic production is set in the 1920s. Performances will take place on March 13 and 14

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The following was submitted by the Ripley Chapel at First Congregational Church: On Friday, March 13, beginning at 7:30 p.m., live in-person and live streamed from the stunning Ripley Chapel at First Congregational Church, Winchester, 21 Church St., join in with Syldason, a duo concert featuring Sylvie Zakarian,

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